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Class: Vlll **Subject: English** **Topic: This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit**

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B. Answers of B part. (Page number: 16)

1. a) 'It' refers to the dental treatment.

b) The speaker is scared and nervous.

c) The mirror image laterally inverses the actual object. The speaker fears that the dentist will make a mistake in identifying the real tooth that needs attention because he sees it in the mirror.

2. a) 'This' refers to the dentist calling the speaker for a dental check-up again after three months.

b) The speaker had thought that this would be the last visit to the dentist.

c) It's a 'vicious circle' because the visits to the dentist never end. The dentist keeps calling the patient for periodic check-ups. To maintain healthy teeth, one needs to visit the dentist regularly.

C. Answers of C part:

1. 1. The undignified position of lying down, with the mouth open, in the dentist's chair is not a pleasant Experience. One cannot be cheerful in such a position.

2. Some people are unfortunate because they need to visit the dentist to treat a dental problem and go through an unexpected experience of things being done in their mouth.

3. The dentist uses many instruments to polish the teeth or treat the dental problem. This feels like machines being used to pull down a building.

4. The dentist has been compared to a bear. The dentist mauls and suffocates him like a bear suffocating its prey.

5. No, the title is sarcastic. The visit to the dentist brings a lot of anxiety and nervousness. Though the dentist assures there would not be much pain, the truth is that the procedure is going to hurt a lot. The patient goes through a lot of mental stress in the form of anxiety and nervousness.

6. The speaker hopes that this would be his last visit to the dentist as his problem has been fixed. However, the dentist calls him for another check-up after three months. So, the visit becomes the starting point of the cyclical process of many more visits to the dentist. The paradox is that teeth can be kept in good condition only by visiting the dentist regularly.